

What is claimed is:

1 1. A portable telephone functioning in a communicative mode
2 in which said portable telephone drives a radio unit provided
3 therefor to be in communication with other portable telephones
4 or with fixed telephones through a telephone network, or in a
5 noncommunicative mode in which said portable telephone functions
6 for purposes unrelated to its intrinsic function, comprising:

7 a means for interchanging said communicative mode with said
8 noncommunicative mode (an interchanging means, hereinafter) in
9 accordance with an operation of a user for selecting functional
10 modes of said portable telephone,

11 a functioning mode-indicator for indicating that said
12 portable telephone is functioning in said noncommunicative mode
13 by lighting a lamp, and

14 a controlling means which stops said radio unit from
15 functioning and lights said lamp of said functioning mode-
16 indicator.

1 2. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 said interchanging means is provided with a interchanging
3 key for an exclusive use or a combined use which transmits an input
4 signal for instructing said interchanging means to interchange
5 said communicative and noncommunicative modes.

1 3. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 said lamp of said functioning mode-indicator lights up
3 continuously or is flashing.

1 4. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 said functioning mode-indicator is situated at a position
3 which is easily seen by persons other than said user.

1 5. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 said functioning mode-indicator is a light-emitting diode
3 which is situated on an antenna and notifies a reception of a radio
4 wave.

1 6. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 said controlling means is provided with a display for
3 displaying a scene which urges said user to decide whether sounds
4 for confirming that keys are pushed down and instructions are
5 executed are outputted or not with respect to said communicative
6 mode and said noncommunicative mode after a power supply is turned
7 on.

1 7. A portable telephone functioning in a communicative mode
2 in which said portable telephone drives a radio unit provided
3 therefor to be in communication with other portable telephones
4 or with fixed telephones through a telephone network, or in a
5 noncommunicative mode in which said portable telephone functions
6 for purposes unrelated to its intrinsic function, comprising:
7 a display which displays a scene for urging a user to decide
8 whether said portable telephone functions in said communicative
9 mode or in said noncommunicative mode, when a power supply is turned
10 on,

11 a functioning mode-indicator which lights a lamp while said
12 portable telephone functions in a noncommunicative mode, and
13 a controlling means which stops said radio unit from
14 functioning and lights said lamp, when said noncommunicative mode
15 is selected in accordance with said scene of said display.

1 8. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:
2 said controlling means decides whether said portable
3 telephone functions in said communicative mode or in a
4 noncommunicative mode depending on shifting of a cursor or response
5 of a touch-sensitive screen.

1 9. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:
2 said lamp of said functioning mode-indicator lights up
3 continuously or is flashing.

1 10. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:
2 said functioning mode-indicator is situated at a position
3 which is easily seen by persons other than said user.

1 11. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:
2 said functioning mode-indicator is a light-emitting diode
3 which is situated on an antenna and notifies a reception of a radio
4 wave.

1 12. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:
2 said controlling means is provided with a display for
3 displaying a scene which urges said user to decide whether sounds

4 for confirming that keys are pushed down and instructions are
5 executed are outputted or not with respect to said communicative
6 mode and said noncommunicative mode after a power supply is turned
7 on.

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